The Cleveland Museum of Art

Statement Regarding the Cancellation of the Exhibition *Exporting Florence: Donatello to Michelangelo*

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The Cleveland Museum of Art announces the cancellation of the exhibition *Exporting Florence: Donatello to Michelangelo.* Interim Director Fred Bidwell and Interim Deputy Director for Collections, Education, and Performing Arts Deborah Gribbon took this action as a result of the resignation of David Franklin, former director of the museum and the organizing curator of the exhibition.

The cancellation will allow a more complete installation in the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Exhibition Hall of *Surrealist Photography: The Raymond Collection,* an exhibition already scheduled to open in September 2014. The Cleveland Museum of Art acquired the Raymond collection, considered one of the most important holdings of Surrealist photographs and illustrated books in private hands, in 2007. The exhibition of over 170 works will tell two stories: one of a radical moment in early twentieth-century art and the other of an impassioned collector whose adventurous spirit and vision harmonized perfectly with his subject. Dr. Barbara Tannenbaum, the museum's curator of photography, is organizing *Surrealist Photography;* a complete catalog of the Raymond collection will accompany the exhibition.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning Open Access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org [1].

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